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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication summarizes an April 23, 2008 telephone interview between the undersigned, on behalf of the Applicant, and the Examiner. The call was initiated by the undersigned, with the purpose of discussing the Examiner's position regarding the pending claims and cited references, particularly the Zdeblick reference and why it does not provide a basis for rejecting the claims.

The undersigned pointed out that Zdeblick does not relate to occluding flow through a body lumen as claimed, and explained that it does not even disclose a lumen as claimed.

Nonetheless, the Examiner maintained her position that Zdeblick provides a basis for her rejections. No agreement was reached regarding Zdeblick.

The clarity of the claims was also discussed, with the Examiner taking the position that "substantially completely" makes the claims unclear. The possibility of removing the term "substantially" was discussed. No agreement was reached.

The Examiner stated she would reconsider her positions, but left a voice message with the undersigned on April 24, 2008 reaffirming the rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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